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2. BACKGROUND: DURING PAST MONTH GUAT GOVT OVERTLY AND COVERTLY ELIMINATED ALL VESTIGE FREE RADIO. RADIO VOZ DE LA CAPITAL CEASED BROADCASTING AFTER PERSONNEL ATTACKED BY MASKED PERSONS. 5 APRIL, OSCAR CONDE, OPPOSITION RADIO COMMENTATOR, WAS ARRESTED ON RETURN FROM CARACAS. APRIL REPORTS FROM INSIDE GUAT INDICATED ALL ANTI-COMMIE PROGRAMS WERE CLANDESTINELY JAMMED BY GUAT POLICE. ROBERTO VIZCAINO, OWNER OF RADIO CONTINENTAL, WHICH ALSO BROADCAST ANTI-COMMIE NEWS, WAS FORCED OUT OF GUAT AND STATION TURNED OVER TO COMMIES FOR USE. (DISPOSITION TO "TRIBUNA POPULAR" COMMIES HUMORED.) ON 21 APRIL, RADIO INTERNACIONAL WAS INVADED BY FIVE MASKED, ARMED MEN AND ALL STAFF WAS TIED, ONE BRUTALLY BEATEN AND ALL EQUIPMENT DESTROYED. STATION HAD BEEN BROADCASTING "ANTI-COMMIE HOUR" SPONSORED BY "STUDENT ANTI-COMMIE ASSN." LAST WEEK, RADIO TELEFUNKEN, CANCELED NEWS PROGRAM ON GROUNDS PROGRAM CONTAINED "POLITICAL THOUGHTS". ON 1 MAY, GUAT GOVT OPENLY INFORMED ALL GUAT STATIONS THAT ~~xxx~~ ARTICLE 37 OF CONGRESSIONAL

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DECREE 372 REQUIRES ALL PRIVATELY OWNED RADIO STATIONS TO RECORD AND  
SUBMIT ALL BROADCASTS RE NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS TO GUAT  
MIN OF COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO BROADCAST. RECORDINGS  
BE REVIEWED BY GUAT MINISTER CHARNAUD MACDONALD AND BE RETURNED IN  
"DUE COURSE".

2. BRIEF OF MAY 15 SPECIAL TO NEW YORK TIMES BY PAUL KENNEDY FOLLOWS:

(N) GUAT GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED EXISTENCE CLANDESTINE  
RADIO STATION BROADCASTING ANTI COMMUNIST MATERIAL. MATTER WAS BROUGHT TO  
ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT BY COMMIE CONTROLLED CONFEDERACION GENERAL DE  
TRABAJADORES DE GUATEMALA WHICH CLAIMED IT HAD LEARNED STATION LOCATED  
IN SAN MARCOS DEPARTMENT OF GUATEMALA NEAR MEXICAN BORDER. POLICE, HOWEVER,  
SUBSEQUENTLY STATED BELIEF IT BEHIND HONDURAN BORDER, ACCORDING GOVERNMENT  
STATEMENT STATION CALLED "VOICE OF LIBERATION". THIS GIVEN IN CONTEXT OF  
REFERENCE TO MANY GUAT GOVT ACTS SUPPRESSING FREEDOM OF SPEECH, E.G., ACTIONS  
CENSORING AND SUPPRESSING RADIOS AND NEWSPAPERS.

3. REQUEST IMPLEMENT AND SUSTAIN ABOVE STORY. EMPHASIZE STATION CAME  
UP SOON AFTER REPRESSION FREE SPEECH BY GOVERNMENT AND SPECULATE IT MAY BE  
MANNED BY GUAT RADIO PERSONNEL WHO JOINED FORCES OPPOSING GOVERNMENT WHEN

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THEY RECEIVED ADVANCE WARNING OF GOVERNMENT REPRESSION.

4. PLAY FOLLOWING VARIATIONS. ORIGINAL INFORMATION RE LOCATION STATION WITHIN GUAT ALTERED BY POLICE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS. (1) THEY CANNOT STAND ADMIT STRENGTH OF OPPOSITION WITHIN COUNTRY. (2) GOVERNMENT DESIRES MOUNT PROVOCATION AGAINST HONDURAS TO CLOAK POSSIBLE OVERT ACTS AGAINST HONDURAS.

5. SUGGEST LINC REQUIRE REGULAR REPORTS FROM PSUCCESS STATIONS IN ORDER ENABLE WH STATIONS SUSTAIN STORY. SINCE STORY WILL PROBABLY BE SELF GENERATING TO SOME EXTENT, WH STATIONS AUTHORIZED INTERPRET ALONG LINES (1) STATION WITHIN GUAT. (2) REPRESENTS FIRST INDICATION STRENGTH OF GROUPS OPPOSING COMMUNIST CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT. (3) GOVERNMENT REPORTED PLANNING CONFISCATE PRIVATE RADIO RECEIVERS; PEOPLE BUYING UP ~~XXX~~ SPARE RECEIVERS TO HAVE ONE IN HIDING.

6. REQUEST WEEKLY CABLE SUMMARIES INFO LINC DESCRIBING COVERAGE, INTERPRETATIONS, AND LOCAL REACTIONS.

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